

REMARKS

The applicant has cancelled claims 1-18 and added claims 19-33.

What distinguishes claim 19 from the prior art is that nothing in the prior art of record either discloses or suggests a blank comprising a first panel connected to a second panel, a third panel connected to the second panel such that the third panel can be folded over the second panel to form a protected region, a carriage panel connected to a pocket panel such that the pocket panel can be folded over the carriage panel to form a pocket, and an intermediate panel connected to the carriage panel, and wherein the intermediate panel joins the first panel along a boundary that is at right angles to the connections between the first and second panels.

What distinguishes claims 20-22 from the prior art is that nothing in the prior art of record either discloses or suggests a blank that satisfies both the limitations of claim 19 and the respective limitations of claims 20-22.

What distinguishes claim 23 from the prior art is that nothing in the prior art of record either discloses or suggests a method of forming a case from a blank that includes the steps of folding the intermediate panel such that it overlies the first panel and the carriage overlies the second panel, and folding the pocket panel and third panel over such that the carriage panel is within a protected region.

What distinguishes claim 24 from the prior art is that nothing in the prior art of record either discloses or suggests a method as set forth in claim 23 wherein, before performing step a), the further flap is folded over the first panel and adhesive is positioned on it or a portion of the intermediate panel such that the intermediate panel adheres to the further flap.

What distinguishes claim 25 from the prior art is that nothing in the prior art of record either discloses or suggests a carrier for a plurality of objects, which comprises first, second and third elements hingeably attached to one another in a hinge region where the second and third elements carry first and second protective regions thereon, respectively, for holding an object therein, and where a first carriage is attached to the first element by a second hinge offset from the first hinge and extends into the first protective region, and a second carriage element is attached to the second element by a third hinge offset from the first hinge and extends into the second protective region.

What distinguishes claim 26 from the prior art is that nothing in the prior art of record either discloses or suggests a case for an object, which comprises a first portion hingeably attached to a second portion, and a carriage for holding the object, the carriage being movable in response to the movement of the first portion with respect to the second portion between a first position where the object is held in a protected space and a second position where the object is presented for removal from the case, and the carriage is hingeably attached to the first portion by a hinge which is offset from the hinge interconnecting the first and second portions.

What distinguishes claims 27-32 from the prior art is that nothing in the prior art of record either discloses or suggests a case that, in addition to the limitations set forth in claim 26, satisfies the limitations recited in those claims.

What distinguishes claim 33 from the prior art is that nothing in the prior art of record either discloses or suggests a carrier that, in addition to the limitations set forth in claim 25, satisfies the limitations recited in claim 33.

I. Smyth

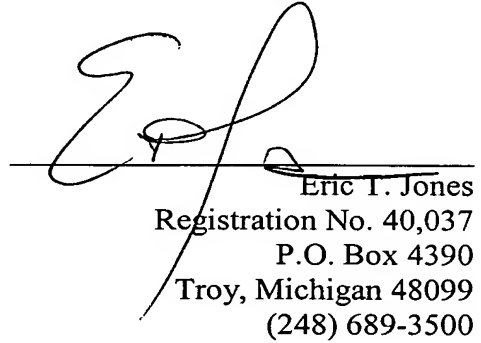
-7-

February 8, 2005

The application is in condition for allowance. Please allow the application to issue.

Respectfully solicited,

REISING, ETHINGTON, BARNES, KISSELLE, P.C.



Eric T. Jones
Registration No. 40,037
P.O. Box 4390
Troy, Michigan 48099
(248) 689-3500

Date: February 8, 2005